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INTERIOR SECRETARY LUJAN ANNOUNCES \$242 MILLION WILL GO TO STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan today announced that State fish and wildlife agencies are to share in more than \$242 million in excise taxes paid by America's hunters and anglers. The agencies will use the money for land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, education, and other conservation programs benefitting wildlife.

The funds are distributed through preliminary apportionments under two Federal Aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"For more than 50 years, hunters and fishermen have footed the lion's share of the bill for our Nation's conservation efforts, contributing to fish and wildlife projects in all 50 states," Lujan said.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sports Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised more than \$2.2 billion.

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"The money these sportsmen and -women pay in taxes is vital to ensuring future generations of Americans get the same chance to enjoy the great outdoors and the majesty of nature as we do today," said Service Director John Turner.

The funds are distributed to the states for projects proposed by the states and approved by the Service. Federal Aid funds pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of each project while the states contribute at least 25 percent of the cost.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1993 totals \$94,600,000. The money is derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is made available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1993 totals \$147,500,000. The funding results from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1993. Final apportionments will be announced following final receipt of revenues due during the last quarter of fiscal year 1992.

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH
RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993**

ALABAMA	2,198,041
ALASKA	7,375,000
ARIZONA	2,976,162
ARKANSAS	2,631,957
CALIFORNIA	7,375,000
COLORADO	3,580,093
CONNECTICUT	1,475,000
DELAWARE	1,475,000
FLORIDA	3,658,870
GEORGIA	2,766,266
HAWAII	1,475,000
IDAHO	2,391,840
ILLINOIS	3,099,003
INDIANA	2,241,095
IOWA	1,981,581
KANSAS	2,163,616
KENTUCKY	2,269,982
LOUISIANA	2,362,839
MAINE	1,475,000
MARYLAND	2,098,323
MASSACHUSETTS	1,475,000
MICHIGAN	5,612,271
MINNESOTA	5,377,342
MISSISSIPPI	1,914,037
MISSOURI	3,675,850
MONTANA	3,452,846
NEBRASKA	1,888,549
NEVADA	2,213,441
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,475,000
NEW JERSEY	1,475,000
NEW MEXICO	2,647,101
NEW YORK	3,904,114
NORTH CAROLINA	2,220,012
NORTH DAKOTA	1,475,000
OHIO	3,911,268
OKLAHOMA	2,797,742
OREGON	3,622,379
PENNSYLVANIA	3,997,663
RHODE ISLAND	1,475,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,666,768
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,760,158
TENNESSEE	2,877,848
TEXAS	7,375,000
UTAH	2,471,698
VERMONT	1,475,000
VIRGINIA	2,124,683
WASHINGTON	3,610,341
WEST VIRGINIA	1,475,000
WISCONSIN	4,772,924
WYOMING	2,277,962
PUERTO RICO	1,475,000
GUAM	491,667
VIRGIN ISLANDS	491,667
AMERICAN SAMOA	491,667
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	491,667
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	491,667
TOTAL	147,500,000

**PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993**

STATE	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,217,705	474,584	1,692,289
ALASKA	3,720,000	202,000	3,922,000
ARIZONA	1,686,636	430,496	2,117,132
ARKANSAS	1,294,364	202,000	1,496,364
CALIFORNIA	2,713,453	606,000	3,319,453
COLORADO	1,952,220	386,940	2,339,160
CONNECTICUT	372,000	386,085	758,085
DELAWARE	372,000	202,000	574,000
FLORIDA	1,147,284	606,000	1,753,284
GEORGIA	1,490,922	606,000	2,096,922
HAWAII	372,000	202,000	574,000
IDAHO	1,509,059	202,000	1,711,059
ILLINOIS	1,432,316	606,000	2,038,316
INDIANA	1,149,470	606,000	1,755,470
IOWA	1,257,453	326,141	1,583,594
KANSAS	1,401,945	202,000	1,603,945
KENTUCKY	1,189,771	432,853	1,622,624
LOUISIANA	1,187,297	495,653	1,682,950
MAINE	857,799	202,000	1,059,799
MARYLAND	478,007	561,603	1,039,610
MASSACHUSETTS	372,000	606,000	978,000
MICHIGAN	3,299,607	606,000	3,905,607
MINNESOTA	2,162,795	513,873	2,676,668
MISSISSIPPI	1,217,006	302,235	1,519,241
MISSOURI	2,050,801	601,021	2,651,822
MONTANA	2,299,085	202,000	2,501,085
NEBRASKA	1,281,676	202,000	1,483,676
NEVADA	1,406,802	202,000	1,608,802
NEW HAMPSHIRE	372,000	202,000	574,000
NEW JERSEY	372,000	606,000	978,000
NEW MEXICO	1,724,799	202,000	1,926,799
NEW YORK	2,220,610	606,000	2,826,610
NORTH CAROLINA	1,458,079	606,000	2,064,079
NORTH DAKOTA	1,027,811	202,000	1,229,811
OHIO	1,613,044	606,000	2,219,044
OKLAHOMA	1,401,445	369,462	1,770,907
OREGON	1,870,945	333,842	2,204,787
PENNSYLVANIA	3,176,929	606,000	3,782,929
RHODE ISLAND	372,000	202,000	574,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	807,606	409,528	1,217,134
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,232,887	202,000	1,434,887
TENNESSEE	1,821,579	572,845	2,394,424
TEXAS	3,720,000	606,000	4,326,000
UTAH	1,517,333	202,000	1,719,333
VERMONT	372,000	202,000	574,000
VIRGINIA	1,372,083	606,000	1,978,083
WASHINGTON	1,418,963	571,613	1,990,576
WEST VIRGINIA	882,402	202,000	1,084,402
WISCONSIN	2,400,608	574,558	2,975,166
WYOMING	1,485,404	202,000	1,687,404
PUERTO RICO	372,000	0	372,000
GUAM	124,000	33,667	157,667
VIRGIN ISLANDS	124,000	33,667	157,667
AMERICAN SAMOA	124,000	33,667	157,667
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	124,000	33,667	157,667
TOTAL	74,400,000		94,600,000